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SUBJ: NEW CHILEAN LEADER'S REMARKS ON SPANISH TELEVISION

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1. SUMMARY. CHILEAN JUNTA PRESIDENT, GENERAL PINOCHET, GAVE EXCLUSIVE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW TO SPANISH TELEVISION COMMENTATOR SEPTEMBER 18, IN WHICH HE STATED: JUNTA'S IMMEDIATE TASKS WERE TO COMPLETE RETURN TO NORMALCY, INCLUDING MOPPING UP POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN SANTIAGO, AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY. JUNTA WOULD DO WITHOUT POLITICAL PARTIES BUT CALL ON FIGURES WHOSE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WAS USEFUL AND WOULD SCHEDULE ELECTIONS AFTER NORMALIZATION ACHIEVED BASED ON UPDATING OF "ANTIQUATED" CONSTITUTION. LABOR REFORMS INTRODUCED BY ALLENDE WOULD BE RESPECTED PROVIDING THEY HAD BEEN DULY LEGALIZED. CHILE WOULD RESPECT ITS TREATIES. END SUMMARY.

2. SPANISH TV PRESENTED EXCLUSIVE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW EVE
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SEPTEMBER 18 WITH PRESIDENT OF CHILEAN JUNTA, GENERAL

PINOCHET. FULL TEXT APPEARED FOLLOWING MORNING IN
"NUEVO DIARIO" (SEMI-OFFICIAL). FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY.
FULL TEXT POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND SANTIAGO.

3. PINOCHET STATED THAT INTERNAL SITUATION WAS
"COMPLETELY NORMAL", BUT THERE WERE STILL SOME SMALL
GUERRILLA TROUBLESPOTS IN SANTIAGO WHICH WOULD BE MOPPED
UP. HE CITED TWO IMMEDIATE COURSES: (1) A RETURN TO
"TOTAL NORMALCY", ERADICATING ARMED OPPOSITION AND
CONTROLLING "PEOPLE WHO CAUSE TROUBLE", AND (2) ECONOMIC
PLANNING TO BRING ABOUT A NEW UPSURGE OF ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING.

4. RE BASIC POLITICAL ISSUES, PINOCHET SAID
"ANTIQUATED" CONSTITUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE UPDATED.
JUNTA HAS DRAWN UP "PURIFICATION PLAN FOR NATION"
AND WHEN PROPER CONDITIONS WERE RESTORED IT WOULD GIVE
UP POWER. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT JUNTA PLANNED TO
NAME FREI PROVISIONALLY AS NEW PRESIDENT, PINOCHET
REPLIED THAT JUNTA WAS A "MILITARY GOVERNMENT" AND
POLITICIANS HAD BEEN PURPOSELY LEFT OUT. RE FUTURE OF
POLITICAL PARTIES, PINOCHET SAID THAT JUNTA WOULD DO
WITHOUT THEM, BUT WOULD TURN TO THOSE FIGURES WHO COULD
BE OF SERVICE BECAUSE OF THEIR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE.
WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ELECTIONS, PINOCHET
REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD BE CALLED WHEN SITUATION HAD
RETURNED TO NORMAL, BUT HE COULD NOT GIVE TIME ESTIMATE.

5. ASKED ABOUT FUTURE OF ALLENDE'S LABOR REFORMS,
PINOCHET SAID THAT, AS LONG AS THEY HAD BEEN DULY ENACTED,
THEY WOULD BE RESPECTED. CHILE WOULD FOLLOW ITS OWN
COURSE AND NOT PERONIST OR BRAZILIAN EXAMPLES.

6. RE CHILE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, PINOCHET SAID CHILE
WOULD RESPECT ITS TREATIES.

7. PINOCHET SAID 150 HAD DIED IN UPRISING, WOUNDED
WERE LESS THAN 300, AND ABOUT 4,000 JAILED. ALTHOUGH
CHILEAN FRONTIERS HAD BEEN OPENED, PINOCHET SAID TIGHT
CONTROLS WERE NECESSARY, INASMUCH AS MANY PEOPLE WERE
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TRYING TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITH LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. HE
CITED CASES OF "MARXIST LEADERS" WHO TRIED TO LEAVE
WITH \$240,000 AND \$100,000. ACCORDING TO PINOCHET,
JUNTA APPEALED FOUR TIMES TO ALLENDE TO SURRENDER.
WHEN ALLENDE SAW THAT HE HAD NO SUPPORT IN ARMED FORCES,
HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.
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